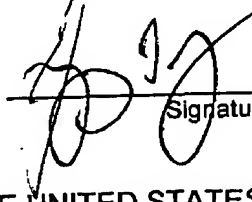


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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

U.S. Patent No. 6,716,226 B2, issued April 6, 2004 to Sixto, Jr. et al.;

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